

Welcome Back!

Autumn Term 2018



Message from Mrs Carter

Dear All,

A BIG welcome back to the Autumn Term 2018. I hope you all had a restful and relaxing summer holiday and have returned refreshed and ready to go!

We've got a very busy term ahead. We've already had our team building days which have allowed the children and staff to settle in and get to know each other. In the coming weeks we will have House Captain and School Council elections and get started on a whole range of curriculum experiences, which have already kicked off with the Year 6 residential last week. I hope you found the year group curriculum meetings helpful and informative.

We'll start our fundraising efforts again to support visits and visitors to enhance the learning within school and support opportunities for children to attend school around the world. If you have any ideas for fundraising or have any hidden talents in event organisation do come and see me or let your child's class teacher know.

Best wishes

Mrs V Carter



Welcomes

We have a few new faces around the school so do say hello to them and give them a warm Curledge Street welcome. They are ...



Mr Avery, who you will find in Year 4, Orca's class.



Miss Wills, who you will find in Year 5, Barracuda's class.



Mrs Reynolds, who you will find in Year 1, Cuttlefish class



Mrs Smith, who you will find in Reception, Starfish class.

Set for the Stars



Congratulations to Isobel in year 4 who will be performing in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at the Princess Theatre in Torquay this week. She has been attending rehearsals and working hard to learn the routines. Well done Isobel - we are all very proud of you!



Fundraising at CSA

Last year Curledge Street raised over **£5000** with our fundraising efforts! A truly amazing amount of money.

This year we aim to raise even more and already have cake sales, discos and a Christmas Fair in the pipeline!

I'd also like to say a very big **Thank you** to the parents in year 1 who kicked the fundraising efforts off this year with over £100 raised for the school by holding a get-together event for their year group. Your support is very much appreciated!

Trips, Visits and Visitors at CSA

Here at Curledge Street we are committed to providing a high quality, engaging and memorable curriculum which offers the opportunity for children to participate in a wide range of experiences to enhance learning and inspire them.

Trips, visits and visitors are key ways to achieve this aim. They bring your child's learning to life and offer them a chance to access it at a deeper level. They have a huge impact on enthusing and motivating children to learn.

A recent research project (LOtC) concluded that such opportunities 'provide benefits which cannot be achieved in any other educational context or setting'. Four key benefits identified were:

- 1) **Engagement in learning** - we all learn better if we are seeing, hearing and doing.
- 2) **Independence and personal development** - trying something or experiencing something new helps develop self confidence and a resilience to overcome anxieties or worries.
- 3) **Improved relationships** - being out and about gives opportunities for children to build better relationships with their peers and teachers, providing chances to find new common interests.
- 4) **Happiness and wellbeing** - leaving the classroom behind can be a welcome change from the pressures of school, allowing children to experience and understand different emotions, learn coping strategies and how to get along with others.

We have already had children out and about - Year 6 on their residential and Year 2 exploring Paignton, looking for historical clues and exploring Victorian artefacts. Year 5 are off to the zoo soon to learn about life cycles and the year has only just begun.

We are acutely aware however, that trips, visits and visitors cost money. There is no getting away from it! With funding cuts felt at home and in schools across the country, experiences like these are the first thing to go despite their value.

In acknowledgement of this here at Curledge Street but with a **resolute commitment to making experiences happen** for our children, we ensure the following:

- Wherever possible, we draw upon the resources our local area has to offer - meaning the cost of trips are kept to a minimum
- Trips further afield link directly to classroom learning
- Trips are subsidised by our Opportunities Fund
- We offer flexible payment plans
- We continue to engage in fundraising for the Opportunities Fund and are open to new ideas



RWInc Success



Ruth Miskin Training recognised us again this year for teaching the RWInc programme with fidelity and passion – we know what it takes to make reading and writing pleasurable and rewarding for our children.

This badge recognises that we:

- Raise standards in reading and writing for our children
- Are all expertly trained by Ruth Miskin Training
- Gain the latest programme updates through regular visits from our

Ruth Miskin Consultant Trainer

- Support our most vulnerable readers with extra one-to-one teaching every day.

To visit the parent pages on the Ruth Miskin Training website go to:

<https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/>

You can also follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Key Dates For Your Diary!

October

15th - 26th inclusive - Half Term

29th Back to School

November

14th & 15th Individual and sibling photos

20th & 21st Parent Consultation Evenings

December

18th Phase 3 Christmas Performance

17th + 19th Phase 2 Christmas Performances

(Phase 1 to be confirmed)

Also to note:

St Cuthbert Mayne, Torquay - open events:

- Thursday 20th September - Open Morning - 9.45-12.00 pm

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 - Wednesday 17th October - Open Morning - 9.45-12.00 pm

Paignton Community & Sports Academy - open events:

- Tuesday 2 October - Open Morning - 9.15-11am
- Thursday 4 October - Open evening - 6.00-8.00pm

And Finally ... a notice on information sharing

Information sharing between agencies supporting young people

A lot of work has been done within the Local Authority since September 2014 to develop co-operation between various agencies working to support children and young people in the Bay. Schools are now supported by the Torbay Education Safeguarding Service (TESS). Working closely with Social Care and other partners such as the police and health, this support is helping us to ensure we can support our pupils when there are additional needs, and ultimately improve outcomes for them.

In that context, TESS have provided the following paragraph to let you know of the main aspects of information shared

Information from the Police and Social care

“Torbay Education Safeguarding Service (TESS) is a social work led service working in partnership with schools and social care to promote the welfare of children and young people, and to ensure they are safe from harm.

As part of their work they will receive information from partner agencies, such as the police and social care. The police send a daily Child at Risk Alert (CARA). This is generated if there has been an incident when the police are called to any household where a child is resident. It may be that the incident relates to only of one your children, however, it is likely that any police involvement with one member of the household may affect all of the siblings. For this reason, the CARA will be sent to all of the schools attended by the child/young person of the family.

There may be occasions when you have not consented to the sharing of the information. For minor incidents, if you withhold consent to share information TESS will not receive an alert. However, incidents graded medium or high are shared with schools as these are deemed potential child protection matters. This principle is similar to that employed by the police for Operation Encompass, an initiative managed by the police and nothing to do with TESS.

If information is shared, this will be in accordance with the key principles of the Data Protection Act and be on a need to know basis, and will only occur to help schools protect and promote the welfare of your son or daughter. When there is any sharing of information, schools should discuss this with you to enable a partnership approach to meeting the needs of your son or daughter.

If you have any questions about the service please ask your school, or telephone Sarah James, TESS

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